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PRESIDENT FORD'S PBS INTERVIEW, ECEVIT STATEMENT

1. SATURDAY (AUG. 9) EDITIONS OF MAJOR TURKISH DAILIES GAVE
HEAVY COVERAGE TO:

--A PRESS INTERVIEW WITH FORMIN IHSAN SABRI CAGLAYANGIL
CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY;

--PRESIDENT FORD'S PBS INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE CRITICIZED
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION EMBARGOING ARMS TO TURKEY;

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--A STATEMENT BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY LEADER BULENT

ECEVIT, WHO DECLARED THAT IT WAS UP TO THE GOVERNMENT, NOT THE OPPOSITION, TO PROVIDE A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND WHO ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SOME U.S. INSTALLATIONS WERE PERMITTED TO OPERATE DESPITE THE CANCELLATION OF THE TURCO-U.S. BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

2. OTHER FRONT PAGE BANNER HEADLINE STORIES INCLUDED A REPORT IN HURRIYET THAT THE FIRST DELIVERY TO GREECE OF A TOTAL OF 60 U.S. A-7 AIRCRAFT WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. HURRIYET'S BANNER: "GREECE IS GETTING ATTACK AIRCRAFT." THE STORY, DATED FRANKFURT, SAID THAT THE LTV AEROSPACE CORP. OF TEXAS HAD BEGUN TO TURN OVER THE PLANES TO THE GREEK AIRFORCE "WITH GREAT CEREMONY". GUNAYDIN'S TOP FRONT PAGE STORY REPORTED THAT PRIME MINISTER SULEYMAN DEMIREL HAD TOLD A MEETING OF THE JUSTICE PARTY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL THAT "OPIUM LIES AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL OUR PROBLEMS WITH AMERICA." DEMIREL REPORTEDLY ADDED: "WE HAVE NOT THE LEASE CONCESSIONS TO MAKE TO ANY-ONE ON ANY SUBJECT."

3. HEADLINE TREATMENT IN MOST DAILIES OF THE CAGLAYANGIL INTERVIEWS STRESSED HIS STATEMENT THAT: "IT IS NOT CORRECT THAT THE INSTALLATIONS WILL BE OPERATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF NATO." ACCORDING TO MILLIYET'S ACCOUNT, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THERE IS NO OBSTACLE TO TURKEY'S ACQUIRING ARMS OUTSIDE OF NATO. "THE PROBLEM IS POSSIBILITIES," HE REPORTEDLY SAID. CAGLAYANGIL ALSO AGREED WITH ECEVIT'S STATEMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK THAT EUROPE DOES NOT REPRESENT AN "ALTERNATIVE" TO THE UNITED STATES. "WESTERN EUROPE, AND WITHIN THIS GROUP EVEN FRANCE WITH HER EXTREME IDEAS, CANNOT IMAGINE A WESTERN DEFENSE SYSTEM WITHOUT AMERICA," HE SAID. IN ITS FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF THE CAGLAYANGIL INTERVIEW, LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURİYET NOTED A REPORT BY THE FINANCIAL TIMES OF LONDON THAT THE GOT HAD GIVEN THE U.S. UNTIL SEPT. 30 BEFORE TAKING FINAL ACTION ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS.

4. EXTENSIVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S INTERVIEW FOCUSED FOR THE MOST PART ON HIS STATEMENT THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO REPRESENTED THE CONGRESS'S "BIGGEST MISTAKE IN THE 27 YEARS HE HAD BEEN IN WASHINGTON". BUT HURRIYET'S HEADLINE SAID: FORD: 'GREECE CREATED THE CYPRUS CRISIS'. ACCOUNTS OF THE PRESIDENT'S INTERVIEW FOR THE MOST PART ONLY NOTED HIS COMMENTS ON TURKEY, GREECE AND CYPRUS

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5. IN COMMENTARY IN SATURDAY EDITIONS, PROF. AHMET SUKRU ESME, WRITING IN PRO-RPP BARIS, ASSERTED THAT CONGRESS'S FAILURE TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO HAD DEALT A SEVERE BLOW TO THE PRESTIGE OF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION AND HAD SHOWN THE WORLD THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT TO BE MUCH TRUSTED. IT INDICATED, HE SAID, THAT "OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE ARRANGED BY THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT BY ATHENS," HE PREDICTED THAT THIS SITUATION

WOULD CONTINUE AT LEAST UNTIL 1976, WHEN THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY
THAT THE "PRO-GREEK" KENNEDY WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT.
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